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Mr. Karamessines and I saw the Director after the 23 Oct Morning Meeting to discuss the concerns we all share and which were focussed by []

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[] The Director was quite explicit in his wish that all Agency elements simply sit tight and not get itchy. I raised the problem of our needing maximum lead time to service efficiently any requests for operational support in this delicate field. The Director acknowledged the problem, but said our masters would simply have to pay the price of short-fused deadlines.

Mr. Helms asked that I draft a low-key cable to [] Saigon reflecting these views. Attached is my estimate of what he wants sent. I would appreciate your making any desired emendations or changes therein, so that I can send a copy upstairs for release this afternoon.

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Attachments

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